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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Melvin L. Gray, Jr., furnished information to a clerical employee of our Dallas Office that he found a .303 unfired rifle cartridge partially buried in the soil near a drainage opening at the assassination site which according to Gray was "an ideal escape route." District Attorney Garrison has publicly stated that the assassins made their exit utilizing a sewer in Dealey Plaza.

Gray is reported to have more than an ordinary interest in the assassination and may turn the cartridge over to District Attorney Garrison.

Dallas is being instructed to interview Gray thoroughly obtaining all details, and attempt to obtain the cartridge for examination by the Laboratory to determine whether the cartridge case was buried, and if it was, for what period of time.

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